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1. LORIS ZAFFRA, UIL PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MILAN, UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO U.S. LAST SPRING WITH HIS COLLEAGUES SERAFINI AND GALBUSERA, NOW AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL TO U.S. IN LATE OCTOBER FOR 10 DAYS.

2. MEANWHILE GIANCARLO SERAFINI AND WALTER GALBUSERA FOUND THEIR VISIT MOST VALUABLE AND INSTRUCTIVE AND WISH ACCOMPANY ZAFFRA, TO ENHANCE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND REINFORCE TIES AND CONTACTS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED. ALL THREE WILL FUND THEIR OWN TRAVEL.

3. MISSION NOMINATES ALL THREE FOR PARTIAL GRANTS TO COVER PER DIEM AND INTERNAL U.S. TRAVEL. RECOMMEND GRANTS FOR SERAFINI AND GALBUSERA BE CONSIDERED EXTENSION AND COMPLETION OF ORIGINAL 14-DAY PARTIAL GRANTS.

4. THE GROUP WISHES TRAVEL ON OCTOBER 21, VISITING NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, DETROIT (AUTOMOBILE WORKERS), AND POSSIBLY CHICAGO (BUILDING TRADES).

5. THESE THREE YOUNG SOCIALIST LABOR LEADERS REPRESENT A HEALTHY AND PROMISING NEW, RATIONAL, ANTI-COMMUNIST STRAIN

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IN THEIR PARTY AND AMONG THEIR CO-SOCIALISTS IN LABOR

MOVEMENT. MISSION ATTACHES SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE TO THEIR U.S.
EXPERIENCE.

6. REQUEST CABLE APPROVAL, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF RECENT
TAKEOVER OF THE UIL BY THE SOCIALISTS.VOLPE

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